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## MATERIAL AT THE LBJ LIBRARY PERTAINING TO **THE U.S.S. LIBERTY**

### INTRODUCTION

On June 8, 1967, the Liberty, a U.S. Navy communications ship, was attacked by Israeli gunboats and planes. This list includes the principal files in the Johnson Library that contain material relating to the U.S.S. Liberty. It is not definitive, however, and researchers should consult with the Library's archivists about other potentially useful files. The guide includes those collections which have been opened for research in part or in whole, and those collections which are currently unprocessed or unavailable.

Researchers interested in this topic should also consult the *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1964-1968, Volume XIX*. This multi-volume series published by the Office of the Historian of the Department of State presents the official documentary historical record of major foreign policy decisions and diplomatic activity of the United States Government. The volumes are available online at the Department of State web site which may be accessed at the "Related Sites" button on the Johnson Library web site.

### WHITE HOUSE CENTRAL FILE (WHCF)

This permanent White House office was the main filing unit during the Johnson presidency, though not the primary file for foreign policy documents. Material was filed under 60 major subject headings. For descriptions, see the finding aid for WHCF.

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Boxes 193-198

### NATIONAL SECURITY FILE

This file was the working file of President Johnson's special assistants for national security affairs, McGeorge Bundy and Walt W. Rostow. Documents in the file originated in the offices of Bundy and Rostow and their staffs, in the various executive departments and agencies, especially those having to do with foreign affairs and national defense, and in diplomatic and military posts around the world. Approximately 90% of the National Security File has been processed. Consult the finding aid in the Reading Room or borrow a lending copy by writing to the Supervisory Archivist, LBJ Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78705. Those folders whose titles are preceded by an asterisk "\*" or a date have been processed and their contents declassified in whole or in part. Lists of classified documents have been placed in those folders, and you may request mandatory review of individual documents that have not yet been declassified in full. Those folders not preceded by an "\*" or a date are unprocessed and

are not subject to mandatory declassification review. Consult with a member of the staff on the processing schedule.

**Please note: Although individual documents concerning the *Liberty* are listed below, considerable new material has been declassified in recent years and additional documentation concerning the *Liberty* may now be found in these folders.**

	<u>Box #</u>
National Security Council Histories	
Middle East Crisis, May 12-June 19, 1967	
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"Eshkol Visit Briefing Book, 1/7-8/68," #51	144
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Memos to the President	
Volume 32, June 21-30, 1967, #92a (narrative based on report of the Court of Inquiry)	18

### **PRESIDENT'S DAILY DIARY**

The Daily diary is a log sheet of the President's activities, appointments, and phone calls maintained by the White House secretaries.

June 8, 1967

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORIES**

At the end of the Johnson Administration each agency and department prepared a history of its activities and accomplishments during the Johnson years. See the finding aid for a table of contents of the various administrative histories.

State Department, Vol. 1, Chapter 4, Part H, "Arab-Israeli Conflict" pgs. 143-144

### **ORAL HISTORIES**

Transcripts of oral history interviews may be consulted at the Library or borrowed through interlibrary loan by writing to the Interlibrary Loan Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, 2313 Red River Street,

Austin, TX 78705. Interviews with the following people contain material on the U.S.S. Liberty and are open for research. Interviews marked (wp) require written permission. Contact the Interlibrary Loan Archivist regarding the procedure. A complete list of oral histories is available and is maintained in a card files in the Reading Room.

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